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TAGS: CSCE OCON

SUBJ: BELGRADE CSCE -- DAILY HIGHLIGHTS, MARCH 9 (AFTERNOON

CLOSING STATEMENTS)

SUMMARY: BELGRADE CONFERENCE ENDED IN A MIXTURE OF RECRIMINATION

AND OPTIMISM AS NEXT TO THE LAST SPEAKER RAISED CYPRIOT-TURKISH DIFFERENCES IN HIS CLOSING STATEMENTS. WESTERN AND NNA REPS, WHILE SQUARELY PLACING THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE CONFERENCE FAILURE TO ADOPT CONCRETE MEASURES TO IMPLEMENT THE FINAL ACT ON THE SOVIETS AND THEIR ALLIES (BUT NOT BY NAME), LOOKED OPTIMISTICALLY TO MADRID. THEY RHETORICALLY OUTLINED A FUTURE AGENDA FOR MADRID BASED UPON THE PROPOSALS THEY MADE AT BELGRADE. WESTERN REPS (CANADA, NETHERLANDS, DENMARK, UK, ICELAND, FRANCE, PORTUGAL AND LUXEMBOURG), ECHOING STRONG US HUMAN RIGHTS STATEMENT OF PREVIOUS DAY, CATEGORICALLY REJECTED SOVIET LINE ON HUMAN RIGHTS. POLISH REP, ONLY EE REP TO SPEAK IN CLOSING PLENARY, MADE A PARTICULARLY SLASHING ATTACK ON "CERTAIN DELEGATIONS" OVER NEUTRNU BOMB. END SUMMARY.

1. NATO/EC-9 REPS CONTINUE TO CHARACTERIZE BELGRADE CONFERENCE AS BASICALLY A SUCCESS. WHILE NATO REPS AGREED THAT EXCHANGE OF VIEWS ON IMPLEMENTATION MET EXPECTATIONS, THEY REGRETTED LACK OF CONCRETE MEASURES IN CONCLUDING DOCUMENT. THEY ASSERTED THAT HUMAN RIGHTS AND FUNDAMENTAL FREEDOMS CONTINUE TO CONSTITUTE ONE OF BASIS ELEMENTS OF DETENTE. FRENCH REP BROACHED FRENCH IDEA OF EUROPEAN DISARMAMENT CONFERENCE. ON DETENTE, FRENCH REP CRITICIZED ITS LACK OF UNIVERSALITY AND CITED AS EXAMPLES, INTERVENTIONS IN AFRICA, LAGGING IMPLEMENTATION OF HUMANITARIAN PROVISIONS OF FINAL ACT, AND FAILURE TO HALT SPIRALING CONVENTIONAL ARMS RACE. FRENCH AND BRITISH REPS BOTH HAD PROMISED MENTION OF BERLIN IN THEIR SPEECHES. BRITISH REP CHIDED SOVIETS UNCLASSIFIED

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(BUT AGAIN NOT BY NAME) FOR "MASSIVE BUILD-UP OF CONVENTIONAL ARMS IN EUROPE," AND FOR SELECTIVE APPLICATION OF DETENTE. CANADIAN AND BRITISH REPS GAVE STRONG EMPHASIS TO HUMAN RIGHTS AND HUMANITARIAN PROVISIONS OF FINAL ACT. DANISH REP CALLED CONFERENCE A SUCCESS BECAUSE IT FULFILLED ITS MANDATE OF HOLDING EXCHANGE OF VIEWS, EXAMINING PROPOSALS, AND DEFINING APPROPRIATE MODALITIES. HOWEVER, HE REGRETTED HONEST ASSESSMENT OF EXCHANGE AND EXAMINATION OF PROPOSALS WAS NOT REFLECTED IN CONCLUDING DOCUMENT. UK REP TERMED CONCLUDING DOCUMENT A SEVERE DISAPPOINTMENT. FRENCH REP CALLED IT INADEQUATE. NATO REPS, HOWEVER, GENERALLY LOOKED OPTIMISTICALLY TO MADRID AND HOPED FOR REAL PROGRESS IF DETENTE WAS TO CONTINUE TO ENJOY SUPPORT OF WESTERN PUBLIC OPINIONS.

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2. POLISH REP REPEATED STANDARD EASTERN LINE ON CONFERENCE,  
INCLUDING A LONG DIATRIBE AGAINST NEUTRON BOMB. HE SAID THAT  
WHOEVER IS IN FAVOR OF HUMAN RIGHTS, MUST BE AGAINST NEUTRON  
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BOMB. CYPRIOT REP CRITICIZED TURKISH ACTIVITIES ON ISLAND,  
PROVOKING RIGHT OF REPLY IN WHICH TURKISH REP, EMPLOYING SOME OF  
HARSHEST LANGUAGE OF CONFERENCE, CALLED CYPRIOT REPRESENTATION  
AT CONFERENCE "ILLEGITIMATE." THE REPS OF SAN MARINO AND  
LIECHTENSTEIN ALSO GAVE BRIEF CLOSING STATEMENTS.

3. YUGOSLAV AMBASSADOR, WHO RESUMED PRESIDENCY AT END OF  
SPEAKERS LIST, DECLARED BELGRADE MEETING CLOSED AT 1919.

DELEGATES TOASTED MADRID WITH CHAMPAGNE PROVIDED BY SECRETARIAT.

4. THIS IS FINAL CABLE IN OUR DAILY HIGHLIGHTS SERIES. WE  
HOPE OUR REGULAR RECIPIENTS HAVE FOUND THEM USEFUL.  
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